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SUBJECT: CPI RISES ONE PERCENT IN MARCH

1. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ROSE 1.0 PERCENT IN MARCH,
ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED APRIL 7 BY STATISTICS
CANADA. INDEX OF 155.4 IN FEBRUARY ADVANCED TO 157.0
IN MARCH. HALF OF INCREASE ATTRIBUTED TO HIGHER
PETROLEUM AND FOOD PRICES.

2. FOOD INDEX INCREASED 0.9 PERCENT, FROM 171.4 TO
172.9 DUE HIGHER PRICES FOR FRESH FRUIT, FRESH MILK,
COFFEE, BAKERY PRODUCTS AND RESTAURANT MEALS.

3. HIGHER PRICES FOR GASOLINE AND FUEL OIL WERE LARGE
CONTRIBUTING FACTOR TO 1.0 PERCENT INCREASE IN INDEX
FOR ALL-ITEMS EXCLUDING FOOD, WHICH MOVED FROM 149.7
TO 151.2. HOWEVER, THERE WERE ALSO SUBSTANTIAL
INCREASES IN SEASONAL CLOTHING ITEMS, PLANE FARES,
POSTAGE, CIGARETTES, ELECTRICITY AND LOCAL TRANSIT
FARES. HOUSING INDEX WAS UP 1.1 PERCENT, FROM 156.9
TO 158.6; CLOTHING INDEX ROSE 1.3 PERCENT, FROM 136.4
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TO 138.2; TRANSPORTATION INDEX ADVANCED 1.1 PERCENT,
FROM 150.4 TO 152.0; HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE INDEX
WAS UP 0.3 PERCENT, FROM 150.7 TO 151.1, RECREATION,
EDUCATION AND READING INDEX ROSE 0.4 PERCENT, FROM
139.7 TO 140.3; AND TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL INDEX INCREASED
0.9 PERCENT, FROM 139.2 TO 140.4.

4. ON SEASONALLY ADJUSTED BASIS, ALL-ITEMS CPI INCREASED 1.1 PERCENT, INCLUDING 1.2 PERCENT RISE IN FOOD INDEX AND 1.1 PERCENT INCREASE IN INDEX FOR ALL-ITEMS EXCLUDING FOOD.

5. IN MARCH, CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE IN CPI, BASED ON SEASONALLY ADJUSTED MOVEMENT IN LATEST THREE-MONTH PERIOD, WAS 12.0 PERCENT.

6. COMMENT: WITH EXPECTED RISE IN DOMESTIC OIL PRICES FOLLOWING FEDERAL/PROVINCIAL MEETINGS THIS SPRING, ANTICIPATED HIGHER FOOD COSTS IF DROUGHT CONDITIONS DEVELOP IN PRAIRIE STATES, AND HIGHER IMPORT PRICES DUE TO DROP IN EXCHANGE VALUE OF CANADIAN DOLLAR, GOC WILL BE HARD PRESSED TO ACHIEVE ITS GOAL OF 6 PERCENT RISE IN CPI FOR SECOND YEAR OF CONTROLS PROGRAM. FIRST QUARTER FIGURES ON CPI RATE OF GROWTH NOT ENCOURAGING AND WILL STRENGTHEN GOC RESOLVE NOT TO END CONTROLS ABRUPTLY. ENDERS

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